



**HAPPY WOMEN'S** division of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors smile at soaring ticket sales for their Luau to be held at the board hall Saturday. The event culminates a week of parades, luncheons, dinners, speeches in

observance of National Realtor Week. The committee, from left, includes Norene Burgess, Beulah Schmidt, Marie Hall, Doris Lippard, president of the women's division, Harold Billson and Hazel Colsch.

## YOUR LEGISLATOR AT WORK

By VINCENT THOMAS  
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The old Romans had a phrase for it, "caveat emptor" — "let the buyer beware." The general idea was, that if the buyer wasn't smart enough to protect himself in bargaining, he deserved what he got.

Today, consumer protection is enjoying something of a popular vogue as a legislative subject. During the past few sessions, a wide variety of measures have been introduced to protect the consumer, either against attacks on his pocketbook, or fraud in connection with the quality and quantity of the goods and services he buys. A few have been enacted into law, but more have fallen by the wayside for one reason or another.

**Complex Lawmaking**  
Legislating in the field of retail consumer credit is particularly complex. The wide range of credit plans offered by merchants, from installment selling through "revolving accounts" to regular charge accounts, makes it difficult to keep a fair balance between all the factors involved. However, in 1959 a basic law was passed which set up fundamental rules for all types of credit plans. During its consideration, this measure was supported both by consumer representatives and retailer groups.

In this session, the administration has sponsored a series of measures for the benefit of consumers. One of the principal measures in this group was heard by the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee a few days ago. To the surprise of its supporters, though not of disinterested observers, the bill did not get favorable action. As one reporter who evidently believes in resurrection put it, the bill was "killed for two years" — sent to interim study.

**"Truth in Lending Bill"**  
Called the "truth in lending bill," the measure would have required everyone selling on credit to furnish every person who buys on

time with a detailed statement about the terms of sale and all financing charges. Included in this statement would have to be the total amount financed, the dollar amount of the finance charge, and the finance rate, translated into the effective annual interest rate on the unpaid balance.

Anyone advertising credit terms would also have to state the finance charges in terms of the effective annual interest rate. Penalties for violation would be a fine up to \$5,000, or jail up to one year.

Supporters of the measure included the State Consumer Counsel, local consumer groups, labor organizations, and a professor from Kansas. They argued that all the bill does is to let people know the price they are paying for credit.

Opponents of the bill declared that it is unnecessary because present law requires inclusion of much the same information in every conditional sales contract and revolving account agreement. The proposal was killed impractical and unworkable because of the complicated calculations needed.

**Rough for Computer**  
It was pointed out that standard charts of effective annual interest rates could not be prepared for guidance of sales people because of the numerous possible variations which could make it rough even for a computer.

Everyone agreed that full disclosure of the price of credit is desirable, but opponents said that compliance with the terms of the bill would only confuse buyers. Its administration would be almost impossible to police, they maintained.

Like Diogenes looking for the missing honest man, one of our interim committees will have to do some searching for a workable answer to the problem of legislating truth in lending.

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## Seven Torrance Sailors Aid Cooper Recovery After Orbit

Seven Torrance men, serving with five Navy units, participated in the activities at sea involving astronaut Gordon Cooper's space flight Thursday.

Six of the men were in the Pacific to participate in the recovery operation, two aboard the carrier USS Kearsage.

The seventh man, Jack C. Duhon, boilerman second class USN, was aboard the destroyer USS C. R. Ware, in the Atlantic. In the event Cooper's flight terminated there, the Ware would have assisted in tracking and locating the capsule. Duhon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Duhon of 21508 Orrick Ave.

**Two Aboard Kearsage**  
Airmen Ronald E. Bartleson and John M. Hardin were aboard the Kearsage, which recovered Cooper from his capsule after it landed in the Pacific.

Bartleson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Bartleson of 750 Carson St., and Hardin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hardin of 2838 El Dorado.

Cooper remained aboard the carrier during its cruise from the recovery area, near Midway Island, to Hawaii, where he debarked.

Among 13 ships in the Pacific recovery force that patrolled five pre-planned recovery areas during the flight were four other Torrance sailors.

Peter C. Medina Jr., a seaman, of Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Medina of 25518 January Dr., and Louis N. Labit, yeoman third class, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Labit, of 24214½ Hawthorne Blvd., were on the fleet oiler USS Chipola.

Delbert E. Cundiff, an airman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Cundiff, 730 Sartori St. serves with Helicopter Squadron Six, while Kenneth P. Scates, a seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Scates of 23701 Western Ave. was aboard the destroyer USS Lofberg.

**Worldwide Network**  
The 13 patrol ships were supported by Navy carrier-based aircraft and Air Force

land-based planes. A special world-spanning naval communications network linked the Pacific force with the Atlantic recovery force and Cope Canaveral, Fla.

The primary recovery ship was Kearsage, which picked up astronaut Water Schirra at the conclusion of his six orbit flight last October.

The other 12 ships are the destroyer USS Epperson, USS Fletcher, USS John W. Thomason, USS John A. Bole, USS Lofgren, USS Duncan, USS Mansfield, USS Frank Knox, USS Taussig, USS De Haven, USS Lyman K. Swenson, and USS Helton.

Communications for the Pacific Recovery Force are centered at Honolulu, one of the world's largest naval communications stations. It connects the Pacific force with recovery elements around the world and with Cape Canaveral.

The squadron was aboard the Kearsage. Its pilots picked up the Air Force major when his capsule touched down safely.



**HERE'S BRILLIANT** Jimmy Wood of Ramona, whose sensational "Flying Wing" Ford is the talk of auto racing, and who will be one of the top favorites in Saturday night's 30-lap San Diego Racing Association Big Car race at Ascot Park, Gardena. Wood was big winner in recent SDR main at 183rd and Vermont oval.



**SPECIAL AWARD** was made to members of the El Camino College technical illustration class for work displayed at the Technical Illustrators Management Association Exhibit at the California Museum of Science and Industry in Los Angeles. Working with

Instructor T. A. Thomas (center) are students (front row, from left) Mike Atkinson, Bob Hansen, Terry Liston and Ted Crosby. Behind, from left, are Bob Allison, Fred Smith, Joe Cock, Dennis Jett, William G. Dilley and Roger Antol.

## Lt. Masterson Serving on Sub Blueback

Navy Lieutenant L. S. Masterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo W. Masterson of 616 E. Carson St., is serving aboard the submarine USS Blueback, which recently left her base of operations, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to join six other Navy ships in Australia to take part in celebrating the 21st anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea.

Blueback is the only submarine participating in the observance of the May 4 through 8 battle which is credited with stopping Japan's advance in the Pacific in World War II.

Her schedule includes visits to Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth, after which Blueback will begin a tour of duty with the Seventh Fleet.

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## DODGER OFFICIAL WILL SPEAK HERE

A. E. (Red) Patterson, assistant general manager and former publicity man of the Los Angeles Dodgers, will speak at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce monthly membership breakfast meeting Tuesday at 7:20 a.m. at the International House of Pancakes, Hawthorne at Carson.

Patterson, who was a baseball writer and later press agent for the New York Yankees for many years, will discuss the Dodgers team, from the front-office angle, and will answer questions about the Dodger organization, players and the business of Big League Baseball. Chamber officials urge attendance of all members, and suggest that guests may be brought, including Little Leaguers.

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- CHICKEN OF SEA TUNA, ½ Can..... 35¢
- DOLE SLICED PINEAPPLE—No. 2 Can..... 39¢
- ORCHID PAPER NAPKINS..... 2 for 25¢
- SWANSON'S FROZEN DINNERS..... 65¢
- SCOT JUMBO SIZE TOWELS..... 33¢
- SCOT BATHROOM TISSUE..... 2 for 25¢
- SUNSHINE HYDROX COOKIES..... 39¢
- MAZOLA MARGARINE—1-lb. Pkg..... 39¢

Campbell's **PORK AND BEANS**  
16-oz. Can  
**7 FOR \$1.00**

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Springfield  
303 Can **8 FOR \$1.00**

Armour's **BEEF STEW** 24-oz. can **45¢**  
Springfield Canned **POTATOES** 300 Can **10 FOR \$1.00**